



# AVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Citizens & Business Working Together*

The Economic Development Committee encourages industrial and commercial development along with a commitment to our existing business and industry in Avon.

The Civic Committee is dedicated to community activities that enhance the quality of life in Avon.

## Let us

**develop the resources of our land,  
call forth its powers,  
build up its institutions,  
promote all its great interests,  
and see whether we also,  
in our day and generation,  
may not perform something worthy  
to be remembered.**

Daniel Webster

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The Avon Chamber of Commerce met for our monthly breakfast meeting at Peppermints on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Guided by Chamber Prez Mike Carroll and Vice President Steve Harrison, we were: Geri Brewer, Tom Bartolini, Ted Coyne, Barbara Herman, LeeAnn Hill, Bob Hunn, Aaron Johnson, Jen Krause, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Paul Tilly, Rene Tilly-Lyness and Ann Younger.

◆ We were happy to be joined by Maureen Wheeler of Livingston County Development. She provided a recap of the work and findings of Larisa Ortiz Associates, who had visited, studied and recommended "downtown" solutions for the nine Livingston County towns which have an identifiable "downtown" area. Initial findings were reported at a county-wide meeting February 6. An Avon-specific meeting will take place March 13. And a joint Town-Village meeting would precede that, on March 12. She described two primary grant sources: 1) the Restore New York grant which would be awarded to the municipality, and 2) the Main Street grant, which would be awarded to individual properties.

◆ Steve Harrison: it's time to receive nominations for the annual Citizen-of-the-Year award. Nominations will be accepted up until Friday, March 23. Also, we will solicit (and be grateful for) monetary donations for the Chuck McFadden Student Service Award.

◆ For the Avon Inn, Jen Krause discussed two upcoming events: a Trivia Night, and Brunch for Easter Sunday. And on May 18, a Murder Mystery Dinner is planned. Time to make your reservations!

◆ For some exciting news, Ann Younger reported she has negotiated the purchase of the Park Theatre, and hopes to close on the sale April 28. She expects to be able to assume the grant application currently being put forward by the current owner. Ann thanked the Chamber for selecting her son Bob as a McFadden Student Service award winner four years ago!!

◆ For Zion Church, Paul Tilly reported a new priest has been retained, Rev. Virginia Mazzarelli, expected to be on board at the end of April.

◆ For Avon Preservation & Historical Society, Geri Brewer reported the next public meeting will be on Sunday, March 18, at the Village Hall, with presentations from the six Avon churches on their individual histories and Rev. Dr. Tom Taylor (a previous Chamber president!) giving the history of the Inter-Faith Council and describing their programs and projects.

◆ Geri also reported on the Museum's display windows which she creates: a recent display featured a pedal-car fire truck, which has been purchased by APHS, and the excellent display case which now holds the Genesee Valley Breeders' Cup trophies.

◆ For the Rotary-Lions Ambulance, Ted Coyne reported on a very busy winter season; paramedics are on duty 24 hours a day. The ambulance service is able to purchase fuel at the same price as Avon Central School buses, a great arrangement.

◆ For Avon Floral World & Gifts: Bob Hunn thanked Livingston County Development for creating the biweekly on-line newsletter: it highlights all the activities and events taking place within the county and affords event-planners an opportunity to promote them.

◆ From LeeAnn Hill, creator and deliverer of Welcome Packages to new Avon residents: she has been interviewed by Livingston County News, discussing promoting this area. At this time, publication date is uncertain.

◆ For Avon Central School, superintendent Aaron Johnson reported on a National Merit Scholarship finalist at ACS; and (mostly) successful seasons for the cheerleading squad and for boys' basketball and wrestling teams. School safety and security are certainly high on everyone's list of concerns, especially after the Parkland, Florida, shootings. Both middle school and primary school buildings need additional work which is included in the capital project plans.

◆ President Mike Carroll discussed the Western New York Pottery Festival, scheduled for June 16 and 17. He hopes to access some funds formerly spent on the Livingston County Travel Guide to assist in promoting this event.

◆ So, we come to the end of our March 6 roundtable reports, and it's time to remind one and all that our Citizen of the Year Dinner will be on Saturday, May 19, at the newly restored-and-renovated Avon Inn. And, of course it will be the site of our Chuck McFadden Student Service Award presentation. Before that, of course, we need YOUR nomination for the Citizen of the Year and we'll be voting on that at our next breakfast meeting, Tuesday, April 3.

Next Chamber Meeting: Tuesday, April 3rd, at 7:30 a.m. at Peppermints, for breakfast, and for updates on business in our Avon area. We hope to see YOU there!!